

ENDED THAT REPEAT

Federals' Disturbance of Confederate Breakfast.

Virginia Man Now Recollects With Amusement Some Humorous Incidents That Were Connected With the Occurrence.

"I think the funniest sight I ever saw," said Doctor Claggett of Leesburg, Va., as he squirmed himself into his armchair and lit his pipe, "though it didn't seem funny then, was the sudden transformation scene that took place at my breakfast table early one morning in the fall of '63.

"Along about day one morning three or four of Mosby's men, under command of young George Slater, the daredevil Irish cavalryman of the Baltimore Slater family, who had joined Mosby at the beginning of his career, because there didn't seem to be enough danger and fighting for him in the regular cavalry under Stuart, dropped in on me at my home at the end of a long suburban street. They were on one of their daring scouting adventures and, being hungry as wolves, stopped by to have a bite with me.

"Of course, anything I had was at their service, and so out of bed we all hopped, routed out the cook and along about sunrise sat down to a comfortable breakfast.

"In Leesburg we usually felt happy at seeing the Confederate uniform, so we lingered over our meal, swapping stories of every kind. George Slater, who was full of all kinds of plausible and entertaining yarns, had just told some Irish tale, for whose truth he pledged his patrimony, and I had just started in to tell one that taxed the hearer's credulity even more, when the door from the kitchen opened and in stole little Julius Caesar, a small negro boy of about eight years, who was assistant to the cook.

"Doctor Claggett, that's a—," commenced Julius Caesar.

"Don't bother me! I bawled at him, irritated at being interrupted in the story that I flattered myself, would top that of young Slater's. 'Shut up!'

"And then I continued with my tale. But hardly had I progressed half a dozen sentences when Julius Caesar broke in again.

"Doctor Claggett, that's a—,"

"If you say another word I'll chop your head off! I roared at the little pickaninny and then proceeded with my story. But young Slater, who was full of Irish acumen and who, being in command, fully realized the danger of his position, interrupted me himself.

"Look here, doctor," he said, "we're in the very paws of the enemy here; hadn't you better hear what this ancient Roman ruler has to say before you run my last story? We soldiers don't want to get gobbled up."

"At this I straightened up; it hadn't occurred to me before of the hazardous position my guests were in.

"Here, Julius Caesar," I said, "what is it you want to tell me? Out with it!"

"Julius Caesar scrubbed one dirty bare foot against the shank of his other leg and shyly stuck a dirty finger into a dirty mouth.

"Taint nuthin' tall, doctor," he said, "a whole mass of Yankee soldiers 'taint a lookin' for dese hyah soldiers," he murmured in apologetic tones, "an' right now dese Yankee soldiers 'taint a lookin' for dese hyah soldiers."

"That ended that breakfast! 'Come, men!' cried George Slater, and was through the door in a wink. Puryear, who sat on the side of the table opposite the door, instantly resolved himself into a human snowflake. He dived across the table, heading straight for that door and shoved aside on either hand a venerable aunt and a dignified cousin who was visiting me. He didn't stop to apologize, but with the others bolted for the rack where their horses were tied.

"We hastened to the window. Sure enough the Union cavalry were coming at a hot gallop—and hardly fifty yards away! Luckily the horses of George Slater's men were but loosely tied. It took but a moment for those veterans—young in years, old in service—to vault in their saddles and away. Down the road they sped the Yankees, outnumbering them a hundredfold, vainly popping at them. I am glad to say that no one was either

killed or wounded in this incident, and that the boys got off safely.

"But I have always thought the tableau of that little black boy, standing obedient, waiting for me to tell a trifling yarn while the enemy was sweeping down upon my guests, and their utter astonishment at his news, when finally he did speak—the complete transformation of that breakfast table and Puryear's dive between my two sedate female relatives without a word of apology—I have always thought it the most ridiculous spectacle in fact or picture."

GATHERED FACTS

New York has about 700,000 school children.

Orders are used by the natives in some parts of India to catch fish.

Mexico appears destined to become the world's principal source of petroleum.

A steel ship will carry about 20 per cent more freight than one of the same size made of iron.

It is estimated that if the oceans evaporated they would yield about 4,500,000 cubic miles of salt.

The world's record sugar plantation contains 13,000 acres, has 30 miles of railway and employs 1,500 people.

An average of 72 letters are received by post every year by every person in the United Kingdom.

Military training is compulsory on all male citizens between the ages of twelve and twenty-five in New Zealand.

"The Marseillaise," the national anthem of the French republic, was written and composed in 1792.

Fire in a Pennsylvania coal mine was extinguished by exploding dynamite in the airway, the concussion blowing out the flames.

The Alhambra theater, London, offers two private boxes nightly for the use of convalescent wounded soldiers blowing out the flames.

After a constant fight for 18 years with the Kaw river, W. M. Smith, who lived near Tokpeka, Kan., has given up the battle and moved away. During that time he had lost all except 15 acres of his 125-acre farm, the river having washed the rest away.

The turkey, so far as records are known, was introduced into England in 1524, brought probably from the port of Cadiz, where ships trading with the Orient were accustomed to call. In nearly all countries, inclusive of Spain, and even Turkey itself, this bird is called the "Indian fowl."

The Austrian pilot, Kerschel, who, on a bet, performed a feat of shaving himself in an aeroplane, rose 3,000 feet before beginning operations, while making wide circles round the Vienna flying ground. He says the fathering was easy, but while shaving he had to steer with his feet, as he required one hand to hold his cheek while he used the razor with the other.

Practice Makes Perfect.

An ex-corporal of the regular army wanted a job in the park appearing bits of paper and other debris with a sharp stick.

"Do I have to take a civil service examination?" he asked the district leader.

"I guess not," said the man of influence. "Just bring me a letter from your captain stating that you are proficient in bayonet drill. That ought to convince the commissioner that you're qualified for the job."

Victims of Circumstances.

"Prisoner, you are charged with loitering about town in a very suspicious manner, and with not having any visible means of subsistence. What do you do for a living?"

Prisoner wiped a tear from his eye, and turned a haggard face to the magistrate.

"Your worship," said he, "I am engaged in manufacturing smoked glasses for viewing eclipses—an industry that entails protracted periods of enforced leisure."

Willings.

"Do you know how many gallons of intoxicating liquor are consumed in this country every year?" asked the reformer.

"No, I don't," said the man with the red nose, "but if you'll lend me a dime I'll go across the street and help the good work along."

A Left Hand.

"No matter how many times a girl gives her hand in marriage to a man," remarked the Observer of Events and Things, "she always has one left."

RETURN TO NORMAL

Business Conditions Show Continual Improvement.

Enormous Difficulties Which Were Faced by the Democratic Administration Have Been Overcome by Wise Legislation.

Of the rapid return of prosperity there is every indication in the reports from many industrial centers. The testimony everywhere points the same way.

Naturally at this time the tendency is to emphasize the influence of war conditions abroad upon the revival of business in the United States. It is easy to lay too much stress upon this phase of the situation. So-called war orders affect directly only a limited number of industries in this country. Overstimulation of certain parts of the national system of production and exchange would be an uncertain way to the restoration of a generally healthy state of business. It is a broader business recovery than this which is required.

The normal condition of this country is prosperity. It produces and consumes on a scale of its own that calls for the activity of most of its energies. It is one of the few self-sufficing countries in the world, and its resources are still undeveloped. Even in spite of the war, industry and trade, with their adaptation to new circumstances, should regain their proper level in time. They may regain it more quickly because Europe as a producer is largely idle and is wasting its strength and wealth in war, but we have every reason to trust in the future, because as a people apart we are at peace and must feed and clothe and build for 100,000,000 Americans and their neighbors.

High Tide of Prosperity.

Reports from every section of the grain belt lying west of the Ohio river, clean to the Pacific ocean, show wheat and oats in magnificent condition, and within the next four weeks Texas and Oklahoma will be shipping new wheat to the market.

With Europe and Asia facing another year of warfare, and no reserves of food in any country in either continent and admitted shortage in area planted this year throughout every European nation, immense crops in the United States will mean far more money to our farmers than they received even in this last year of great income to them.

Given the immense crops of grain, fruit and vegetables now in prospect, with the already assured foreign and domestic demand for them at high prices, even if the war closed tomorrow, it certainly seems that every week now will stimulate business so that by the months of August and September all records of trade volume and values in the United States will be broken.

It is upon a growing high tide of prosperity that the United States is floating today.

Properly Represents Party.

Praising President Wilson and insisting that he must have the support of all patriotic Americans, Mr. Taft says in the same breath that the Democratic party has "shown that it is not the proper agent of government." Then how does Mr. Taft account for the man whom he indorses? Where did he come from? Who is responsible for him? Not one of the great presidents after Washington, who antedated parties as they now are known, was more distinctly a party product than Woodrow Wilson. He was nominated and elected by Democrats, without faction or coalition, and everybody else was against him. Mr. Wilson may properly be criticized and the Democratic party may properly be criticized, but they will stand or fall together.

Democrats Have Done Well.

The worst, most widespread and immeasurably the most destructive war the world ever knew has raged abroad for three-quarters of a year, yet this country has had no sign of such panic as eight years ago wrecked its commercial life in time of profound peace; and now, with the fight still raging, prosperity is coming back with firm and rapid step. Why?

Because a Democratic congress and president passed, signed and put into operation the federal reserve act, the law which prevents panics; and because a Democratic administration has kept peace with honor when clamoring jingoes were trying to force the land into war.

Worth Consideration.

If you failed to read President Wilson's talk on neutrality at the Associated Press dinner you missed something worth while. It was the utterance of a real statesman and of an adviser who should be heeded.—Chattanooga Times.

Coming Political Oratory.

Certainly, the standard orators aren't going to let any base ingratitude on prosperity's part spoil their speeches. They aren't going to let prosperity, at this stage of the game, dry their tears. They haven't been damming up their tears merely to have them evaporated. As to the speeches, undoubtedly they will be pretty mellow, not to say rotten, in spots. But the orators will borrow a word from the president and say those dollars you are jingling in your pocket are only "psychological."

Beginning to Appreciate Him.

There is a great teacher abroad in the Yankee land, and he is making suggestions and affording enlightenment of inestimable value to the nation. He hails from the White House and a classroom in New Haven.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

No Longer Political Issue.

When the Westinghouse company takes on 8,000 men, and reports from every side of full forces working full time are received, unemployment as a political issue is dead and buried.

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Speaking of the possible hereditary tendency to cancer, Dr. Charles B. Davenport of the eugenics laboratory at Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y., says of the fact that the incidence of cancer is highest in Maine: "I have no doubt that this is due to the presence of one or more races in Maine which are immune to cancer."

Doctor Davenport's studies "indicate that resistance to cancer is a positive (dominant) trait and that nonresistance appears in children only when both parents belong to a nonresistant race. And this result is commonest, other things being equal, where cousin marriages are commonest, because that makes it probable that if one parent belongs to a cancer race, the other—the cousin—will belong to the same cancer race. Now, in rural Maine cousin marriages are extremely frequent, especially in the islands off the coast, and here we have the conditions for the result—the high incidence of numbers of the cancer race in an inbred community."

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Quite a Difference.

Della, after a rain, begged to go outside to play.

"You may go," said her mother, "if you will stay on the walk, and not make mud-pies."

It was not long before Della was leaning suspiciously far over the walk.

"I thought you promised not to make mud-pies," mother called.

"I'm not, mamma," replied Della. "I'm making doughnuts."

The Brighter Side.

"The European war affords me one source of consolation, anyway," said Mr. Jabbinus.

"I'd like to know what it is," said Mr. Shouzdorf.

"It is impossible for some of my wealthier neighbors to go gadding about Europe this year and then return home and make me feel as if I hadn't been anywhere because I merely went to Colorado."

The Shriker.

Mrs. Anna Steinhauer, Boston's poetess, was talking about her bete noire, the girl who smokes.

"The good, old-fashioned girl," she said, "turns up her sleeves at work, while the modern cigarette-smoking girl turns up her nose."

She laughed, and added:

"Or else she doesn't turn up at all."

Hard to Please.

"Here's your bean soup, sir. Anything else, sir?"

"Umm," said the patron, as he surveyed the watery mixture before him. "You might show me the bean."

Good Reason.

"Why did you give your play such a name as 'The Porous Plaster'?"

"Because I want to draw."

If you wish to attract a crowd see to it that your performance is preceded by a parade.

THE GROWTH OF WESTERN CANADA

Increase in Railway Mileage, School Attendance and Population.

Some idea of the extent of railway construction in Western Canada can be derived from the fact that the railway mileage in the Province of Alberta has been doubled in three years. The present mileage is 4,097. In all of the settled districts there is ample railway privileges. The rates are governed by a Dominion Railway Commission, and in the exercise of their powers they not only control the rates, giving fair equality to both railway and shipper, but form a court to hear complaints of any who may desire to lodge the same.

In the matter of education no better instance of the advancement that is taking place can be given than that found in the information to hand that attendance at the University of Alberta has increased 1,000 per cent in five years, and is now thoroughly representative of all settled portions of the Province. The students in attendance are from sixty-one distinct districts.

Then as to the prosperity which follows residence in Western Canada, J. E. Edward of Blackie, Alta., gives splendid testimony. He writes, "In the spring of 1907 I first came to this locality from the State of Iowa, Cass County, and located on a quarter section of land near Blackie. Since coming here I have been engaged in mixed farming, which I have found to be more profitable than where I formerly lived. On coming here my worldly holdings were small besides having a family to care for. I now own three quarter sections, about 100 acres of cattle, twenty head of horses and forty head of hogs, without encumbrance."

"During the seven years I have not had a crop fail. My best crop of oats averaged ninety bushels per acre, with a general yield of thirty-five bushels and upward. My best wheat crop averaged forty-three bushels per acre. When I have had smaller yields per acre I have found that it has been due to improper cultivation. The winters here, although at times the weather is cold, I find as a whole are very agreeable. The summers are warm, but not sultry. The summer nights are cool and one is always assured of a good night's rest. My health has been much better, as I do not suffer from catarrh since coming here. I have no land for sale, and am not wishing to make any change, but would be pleased to answer any enquiries concerning this locality."—Advertisement.

KNOWLEDGE NOT FROM BOOK

World's Great Men Took Other Means of Acquiring Desired Information.

Montgolfier sees a woman's skirt drying and notices that the hot air fills it and lifts it, and this gives him the idea for a balloon.

Denis Papin sees the cover lifted from a pot by the steam and there follows the myriad inventions in which steam is the driving power.

Newton, dazing under an apple tree, is hit on the head by a falling apple and there follows the law of gravitation.

Franklin flies a kite and a shock of electricity starts him upon the road to his discoveries.

Archimedes in his bath notices that his body seems to grow lighter and there follows the great law which bears his name.

These are the foundation stones upon which the whole house of science is built and no one of them was dug out of a book. Charlemagne could not read and Napoleon, when he left school for Paris, carried the recommendation from his master that he might possibly become a fair officer of marines, but nothing more! A capital example of the ability of the man of books to measure the abilities of the man of the world.

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Couldn't Put That in Print.

Doctor—That last case has made me miss the big dinner this evening to the distinguished Professor Jay. It's too late now.

His Wife.

"Old General Putnam would be a good man to have in the emergencies of this war."

"Why so?"

"Because he knew how to jump into a hole and get out of one."

Worse Yet.

"Look here, landlord. There's two inches of water in our cellar."

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Work.

First Prisoner—I hear that under The Hague convention of 1907 prisoners of war are entitled to pay for any work they do.

Second Prisoner—What ought we to get, then, for trying to chew that tough meat they give us?

His Location.

"Are you a baseball fan?"

"No. I like to get out on the bleachers among the foghorns."

When you dislike anyone, isn't it a fact that you dislike his laugh more than anything about him?

Those Holland Bulbs.

Bacon—I see British marines interned in Holland are receiving ten cents and noncommissioned officers 25 cents a day as pocket money.

Egbert—Why, that's hardly enough to keep 'em in bulbs!

A Slight Mistake.

"Was it the Goodchilde ranges the Russians have been driven from?"

"There's no such place as the Goodchilde ranges."

"I mean the Beakids—same thing."

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Pennsylvania Nature Story.

Arthur Neefe of Sweden, Bradford county, set a trap in the woods, and on account of the snows was unable to get to it. Last week it was visited and a lively fox found therein. The captive had been sustained by his fellows during the imprisonment. Within reach were a gray rabbit, a white rabbit, four mice and a woodchuck, some of them partially devoured. Impressed, he had been visited and nourished by his own tribe. He was taken into further captivity, and other than the loss of the foot by which he had been held in the trap, appears none the worse for his experience.—Philadelphia Record.

In the War Zone.

Wearily Cyclist—How far is the village of Poppelton from here?

Native—It's ten miles the other way.

Wearily Cyclist—But the last sign post I passed said it was in this direction.

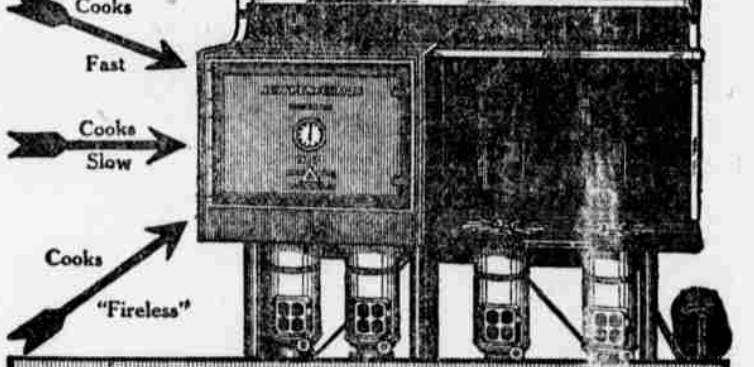
Native—Yes, but you see we turned the post around so as to fool them Zeppelins.

Surely.

Patience—What does a woman have to do first to get a divorce?

Patience—Why, get remarried, of course.

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